

Introduction:

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This report is prepared following the successful format for 1975, enabling ease of reference for research work. SECTION ONE is a brief review of the ufological scene, around the north and in general terms, during 1976. SECTION TWO provides a chronological check list of all NUFON reports, with basic data on each one. SECTION THREE provides some statistical analysis of these 146 reports, and some comparisons with previous studies. Finally, SECTION FOUR gives a brief synopsis of the 15 unidentified reports for the year - the kernel of the evidence, so far as Northern Britain during 1976 is concerned. It is hoped that these results may be used as a basis for study by researchers, and that they may consider presenting their findings for publication via NUFON.

This report is only possible because of the efforts of the many local groups and individual researchers who comprise NUFON. Due thanks are given to them all.

Jenny Randles May 1977

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1: A REVIEW OF THE YEAR

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For many people 1976 will come to be thought of as Britain's 'Year of the humanoids' (a phrase coined for 1973 in the USA). A remarkable increase in the number of entity and contact claims (the CEIII) made it a busy time for all. Probably the most spectacular was the Winchester landing, (see FSR Vol 22 No 5), which turned into a repeater case which provided abductions and further mysteries and is still going on! (FSR Vol 22 No 6). Britain had never quite seen the likes of this before and in the north we had more than our share, including two cases which are not even included in this report. These are the Mrs Hamilton 'Psychic Contactee' event, investigated by the Irish UFO Research Centre (see detailed report published by them or FSR Vol 22 No 6), and the Mrs. Lainchbury CEIII dating back to 1964 (see FSR Vol 22 No 3)

It is perhaps remarkable that this vast increase occurred exactly at the time when the BBC decide to embark upon the most important UFO documentary it has ever produced, and at the time when the filming of a major motion picture (sequel to 'Jaws') entitled 'Close Encounters of the third kind' (our friend the CEIII) was quietly announced. Such 'coincidences' should not simply be ignored. They represent a definite part of the phenomenon. NUFON was consulted from the outset by the BBC, and indeed the programme is due to be screened the very day I write these words (ten months after producer, Hugh Burnett, was first in touch). Whatever the programme does I can assure you of one thing. Hugh Burnett treated it seriously, and now has a great respect and understanding for ufology. Our close cooperation has resulted in a direct liaison with the BBC over the reports which will surely pour in.

1976 was interesting for other reasons. Local flaps, which began in 1975 (see NUFON 1975 Report), continued to mirror expected patterns. Again July/August were months ripe with activity (including a phenomenal number of photographic cases). Also, as will be seen, the mid December flap (commented on as so remarkable last year) gave us a repeat performance - to the day and with the same kind of objects!

As last year high criteria have been set for establishing a report as unknown. Many highly intriguing cases have been omitted because an explanation was possible. They are often termed insufficient data, not because the investigation was lacking but because no clear placement in the UFO category was possible. It is my contention that we should err on the side of conservatism.

NUFON progressed well in establishing itself as a natural communications channel. It is this naturalness which we must strive for. NUFON should exist because it is needed, and not because someone wants to run it! The growing trend towards informality in meetings and concentration less on politics and more on ufology is a welcome development.

The Conference was held at Sheffield in May, and whilst not a spectacular success was an enjoyable afternoon. The papers presented have been published by NUFON and copies are still available (cost 40p). Meetings were held in Manchester (January) Sheffield (April), and Manchester again (October). The latter was in conjunction with a lecture by author Raymond Drake. UFOSIS also hosted the BUFORA conference in Birmingham (November), and there was heavy NUFON involvement in the organisation. Researchers from several countries spent what was probably the most important weekend in British UFO history with papers on a wide variety of technical topics.

This meeting led to the development of the UFO Investigators Network (UFOIN), a team of qualified and experienced investigators working on high strangeness cases to professionalised standards of work. This venture is financially backed by FSR, and is a vital development of the investigation scene.

Aside from NUFON forging strong links with FSR, with many reports being published in its pages the progress made with CONTACT UK is noteworthy. Work began in earnest on the major project, a Northern England Historical Catalogue. Seen as a forerunner to a British series this important research work is well underway, and part one (to cover ancient times to Dec 31st 1967) will hopefully be out in 1977.

To close on an exciting note. The late year flaps makes the 1976 total 18 higher than 1975 (although more reports were added to 1975 after publication of the years report - see later). This flap has continued into 1977, but evidence has been presented by Bernard Delair (at the BUFORA Conference) and Dr. David Saunders (BUDC Bulletin, March 1977) that a major flap will center around December 1977. NUFON is preparing for this with coordinated skywatches scheduled for the latter part of the year. In view of past events December 12/13/14 1977 should be watched!

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2: CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF 1976 REPORTS

The columns list DATE, TIME (local), LOCATION, SHAPE, COLOUR, SPECIAL EFFECTS, IDENTIFICATION, REPORT REFERENCE. (See codes on P.4)

All cases are held at the NUFON central files in Nottingham, and enquiries about specific reports should be made to the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society:

443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham, NG2 3NB

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SHAPE	COLOR	EFFECTS	ID	REF	
Jan	?	Horwich, Lancs	Disc	Grey	PHOTOGRAPH	Prob Hoax	7610	D
Jan	23.30	Whitby, Cleveland	Crescent	Yellow		Pos Star	7633	Y
Jan 4	00.01	York, N. Yorks	LITS	R & W		Satellite	7601	Y
Jan 5	18.20	Sale, Gtr M/Cr	LITS	Blue	E/M effect	Prob A/C	7602	M
Jan 17	23.00	Delph, Gtr M/Cr			Helicopter landing	Insuff dat	7603	M
Jan 21	03.20	Didsbury, Gt M/C	Ball	Red		Prob Met	7604	M
Jan 23	13.35	Redditch, Worcs	Disc	Metal	Cf report 75/122	UFO	7608	U
Jan 23	18.05	Bolton, Gtr M/Cr	Disc	Red	Physical effects	UFO	7605	D
Jan 25	02.00	Bolton, Gtr M/Cr	LITS	White		Star	7606	D
Jan 26	00.00	Birkenhead, Msy	LITS	White		Prob sat	7614	W
Jan 30	00.00	Birkenhead, Msy	LITS	White		Prob sat	7615	W
Jan 30	19.55	Shadsworth, Lincs	Oval	Multi		Pos A/G	7609	R
Jan 31	13.00	Chorlton, Gtr M/C	Dome	Metal		Insuff	7607	M
Feb		West Yorkshire	Dome	Gold	Entities, Abduction	Insuff	7664	Y
Feb		Nottingham, Nots	LITS			Flares	7623	N
Feb 14	05.35	Hamstead, W. Mid	Disc	Red	High pitched noise	Optical	7616	U
Feb 16	22.20	Moorside, Gt M/C	Sparks	Green		Pos frwk	7611	M
Feb 17	10.30	Winter Hill, Linc	Oval	Grey	Inverted mushroom	Pos A/C	7612	R
Feb 22	15.15	Stone, Staffs	Oval	Red		Pos, metr	7617	Sf
Feb 25	19.00	Leigh, Gt M/Cr	Complex	Diffuse	Two PHOTOS	Camera fault		
Mar 13	11.00				Separate locations		7619	D
Feb 26	02.00	Kettering, Nthnt	LITS	Yellow		Prob Star	7613	SP
Feb 28	21.05	Hamford, Staffs	Ball	Orange & White		Prob A/C	7618	Sf
Mar		Leigh, Gt M/Cr	Oval	Yellow		Optical	7637	M/D
Mar	21.30	Handforth, Chesh	Oval	O, Green & B flames		Insuff	7665	M
Mar 1	19.00	Oldham, Gt M/Cr	Disc	Grey	Humming noise	UFO	7620	M
Mar 3	21.40	Spalding, N. Yrks	LITS	White	Humm	Pos A/C	7624	Ds
Mar 20	22.35	Bridlington, Hmb	LITS	White		Pos Met	7625	Ds
Mar 22	20.50	Birmingham, W Md	LITS	W & R		Pos A/C	7626	U
Mar 22	22.02	Middleton, G M/Cr	Oval	Brown		Star	7621	M
Mar 22	22.20	Birmingham, W Md	LITS			Insuff	7627	U
Mar 24	22.30	Arbroath, Scot	LITS	White		Satellite	7628	E
Mar 31	21.03	Winsford, Chesh	LITS	White	Formation	UFO	7622	M
Apr 2	02.00	Bury, Gtr M/Cr	Disc	White	Police chase	UFO	76/145	NET
Apr 4	19.25	Birmingham, W Md	LITS	White		Pos balln	7640	U
Apr 9	21.45	Bolton, Gt M/Cr	Ball	White		Meteor	7629	M
Apr 14	21.20	Oldham, Gt M/Cr	Oval	Red		Insuff	7630	M
Apr 17	23.45	Carlton, Notts	LITS	Pink		Flares	7648	N

Apr 20	19.30	Leeds, W. Yorks	Comet	White		Pos Meteor	7634	Y
Apr 20	21.15	Hamstead, W. Md	Glow	Red		Insuff	7641	U
Apr 22		Hindley, Lincs	LITS	Green & Turquoise		Insuff	7631	M
Apr 23	02.32	Haslingden, Ln	LITS	Yellow/White		Satellite	7632	R
Apr 23	16.15	Preston, Lancs	Cigar	White		Aircraft	7635	F
Apr 29	03.30	Salford, Gt M/C	LITS	Gold		Satellite	76/125	F
Apr 30	01.40	Birkenhead, Mry	LITS	Yellow		Satellite	7636	W
May 6	04.00	Morecambe, Linc	Oval	Red		Insuff	7672	Ic
May 11	06.10	Leigh, Gt M/Cr	Sphere	White	Landing, Entity	UFO	7638	M/D
May 13	03.00	Lymm, Chesh	LITS	White	Landing	Helicopter	7639	M/D
May 15	13.15	Langar, Notts	Cigar			Aircraft	7642	Spr
May 28	16.55	Stoke, Staffs	Oval	Dark		Birds	7643	Sf
May 29		Hanwood, Salop	LITS	White	PHOTOGRAPH	Insuff	76/135	AK
Summer	20.00	Bebbington, Mry	LITS			Aircraft	76/108	W
Summer	19.00	Bromborough, "	Cigar			Aircraft	76/109	W
Jun 1	23.10	Arnold, Notts	LITS	White		Satellite	7644	Spr
Jun 6	00.45	Rainworth, Nott	Cigar	White		Optical	7649	MID
Jun 6	22.10	Stoke, Staffs	Sphere	White		Insuff	7646	Sf
Jun 6	22.35	Various	Ball	Blue/Green	Exploded	METEOR	7645	
Jun 7	22.50	Marple, Chesh	LITS		Colour change	Pos A/C	7647	D
Jun 21	21.30	Edinburgh, Sct	Cube	Dark		Insuff	7650	E
Jun 22	10.15	Huthwaite, Not	Cigar	White		Aircraft	7684	MID
Jun 26	24.00	Hull, Humbersd	LITS	White		Satellite	7651	Ds
Jun 27	23.59	Wakefield, W. Yk	LITS	Blue/Green		Meteor	7666	Y
Jun 27	23.10	Newcastle, Stfs	LITS	White		Prob Star	7654	Sf
Jun 28	12.55	Cwm-y-glo, Clwy	Disc	Black		Prob A/C	7652	B
Jun 30	08.15	Newcastle, Stfs	Cigar	Black		UFO	7655	Sf
Jun 30	15.00	Snowdon, Clwyd	Disc	Black		Birds	7653	B
Jun 30	21.03	Newcastle, Stfs	Cigar	Shiny		Pos A/C	7656	Sf
Jun/Jul	22.00	Macclesfield, Ch	Gold	lightening sheets		Metrlgcl	7695	M
Jul 1	23.05	Porthill, Stfs	LITS	Yellow/White		Satellite	7657	Sf
Jul 3	21.05	Irlam, Gt M/Cr	Cigar	Metal		Prob A/C	7658	M
Jul 8	08.15	Haslingden, Ln	Oval	Silver		Insuff	7659	R
Jul 9	01.00	Little Lever	Cigar	Pink	Changed shape	Metrlgcl	7660	M
Jul 9	02.30	Middleton, M/C	LITS	White		Satellite	7661	M
Jul 14	05.00	Macclesfield, Ch	Disc	Metal	PHOTO Hum, Animal dist	Hoax	7662	M
Jul 16	21.45	St Helens, Mry	Ball	Red, green & Orange		Meteor	76/110	W
Jul 20	17.00	Mansfield, Not	Oval	White		Insuff	7685	MID
Jul 21		Hucknall, Not	Disc	Gold		UFO	7663	N
Jul 21	00.05	Huthwaite, Not	LITS	Red	Colour change	Aircraft	7686	MID
Jul 21	17.10	Kirkby, Notts	Disc	Metal		UFO	7687	MID
Jul 22	20.00	Clumber, Notts	Dish	Metal		Pos. balln	7688	MID
Jul 22	21.00	Abbotsbromley, Sf	White	PHOTOGRAPH		Insuff	76/133	Sf
Jul 25	00.03	Gainsborough, Lin	White	LITS		Star	7673	S
Jul 27	01.00	Bridlington, Hm	Oval	Yellow	Humming	Insuff	7668	Ds
Jul 28	00.30	Mansfield, Nott	Ball	White		Insuff	7689	MID
Jul 1	22.20	Oldham, Gt M/C	Smudge	Black	Shape change	Metrlgcl	7667	M
Aug		Various			Reports of black clds	Insuff	7669	n R
Aug	22.00	Chadderton, Mc	Balloon			Balloon	7680	M
Aug	02.30	Whiston, Mry	LITS			Aircraft	7690	B
Aug	03.00	Bromborough, Ms	LITS	White		Prob Sat	76/111	W
Aug 4	20.00	Sandbach, Chsh	Oval	Brown	PHOTOS plus LITS	Insuff	76/134	Sf
Aug 4	23.30	Gainsborough, Lin	White	LITS		Satellite	7674	S
Aug 8	12.00	Gwynedd, Wales	Oval	White	PHOTO	Film Failt	76/136	NET
Aug 14	18.30	Cartmel, Cumb	Disc	Silver		Prob balln	7670	M
Aug 16	02.45	Skegness, Linc	Crescent	White corona, humm		Metrlgcl	7697	B
Aug 16	21.25	Holcomb, Lancs	LITS	Orange & White		Fire	7671	M
Aug 21	23.15	Audley, Stfs	LITS	White		Aircraft	7675	Sf
Aug 21	23.25	Oxton, Notts	LITS	White		Aircraft	7676	Spr
Aug 22	20.05	Porthill, Stf	Ball	Gold		Pos balln	7677	Sf
Aug 22	21.12	Trentham, Stf	LITS	White		Pos A/C	7678	Sf
Aug 22	24.00	Gateshead, Dur	Cigar	Orange		Insuff	7698	Wm
Aug 25	21.12	Congleton, Ch	LITS	Red		Prob A/C	7679	Sf
Aug 27	00.00	Litchfield, Sf	Disc	White		Insuff	76/112	U
Aug 27	19.25	Ilkestone, Drby	Oval	Black		Insuff	7691	Sf
Aug 29	21.25	Lockerbie, Scot	Cigar	Dark		Aircraft	7692	B

Date	Time	Location	Object	Color	Notes	Category	Ref	Initials
Sep 3	21.00	Fencehouses, Dur	Orange Entity, Physical Effect	UFO		7699	Wm	
Sep 9	06.44	York, N. Yks	LITS White	Insuff		7696	B	
Sep 23	23.30	Bolton, Gt M/C Ball	Red Multi witness	UFO		7682	M/D	
Sep 27	20.30	Warrington, Ch	LITS White	Aircraft		7683	M	
Sep 28	19.40	Audley, Stfs	LITS White	Insuff		7693	Sf	
Oct 4	20.45	Stoke, Staffs	LITS White	Aircraft		76/100	Sf	
Oct 6	07.27	Barrow, Cumb	LITS White	Insuff		7694	Ic	
Oct 10	20.10	Aldington, Cum	LITS Orange	Shape Change		76/101	Ic	
Oct 11	19.40	Alstonefield, Sf	LITS White	Prob A/c		76/102	Sf	
Oct 12	20.00	Dudley, W. Mid	Sphere White	Pos frwk		76/137	U	
Oct 12	20.30	Dudley, W. Mid	Oval Orange	Ground light		76/138	U	
Oct 12	21.10	Dudley, W. Mid	Oval White	E/M effects	UFO	76/126	U	
Oct 16	19.00	Bradford, W Yks		Entity, traces	Insuff	76/103	Y	
Oct 24	18.00	Cateshead, Dur	Disc	Alleged physical effect	Insuff	76/104	Wm	
Nov		Kidsgrove, Stf	LITS		Insuff	76/143	Sf	
Nov 1	19.45	Draycot, Staff	LITS Orange		Pos star	76/127	Sf	
Nov 7		Tyneside	Disc White		Jupiter	76/105	Wm	
Nov 7	19.20	Wednesbury, WM	Oval White	Humm	Insuff	76/139	U	
Nov 8	19.30	Woollaton, Not	Ball Orange		Metrlgcl	76/113	Spr	
Nov 16	18.55	St Helens, Msy	LITS Blue @ White		Aircraft	76/106	W	
Nov 23	00.10	Cotgrave, Nott	Ball White		Metrlgcl	76/140	N	
Nov 23	16.45	Stoke Brdph	LITS White		Jupiter	76/141	N	
Nov 23	16.55	Derby	LITS		Prob A/C	76/142	N	
Nov 25		Newcastle, Tyneside	LITS White		Jupiter	76/107	Wm	
Nov 29	17.40	St Helens, Msy	LITS Red & White		Helicopter	76/114	W	
Nov 30	16.55	Heywood, M/Cr	Oval White		Aircraft	76/128	M	
Dec 3	06.40	Prenton, Msy	LITS Silver		Satellite	76/129	W	
Dec 7	04.17	Salford, Gt M/C	LITS Green & Red		Aircraft	76/130	F	
Dec 8	03.30	Bury, Gt M/Cr	LITS White		Prob A/c	76/131	F	
Dec 9	19.45	Wetley, Staffs	Disc Grey		Pos Helcptr	76/116	Sf	
Dec 13	17.20	Audley, Staffs	Oval Yellow	Traces of mist	UFO	76/117	Sf	
Dec 13	17.20	Kidsgrove, Stf	Dome Grey	Traces of mist		76/118		
Dec 13	19.30	Nottingham	LITS White		Insuff	76/115	Spr	
Dec 14	17.15	Alsager, Chesh	Dome Gold	Traces of mist	UFO	76/119	Sf	
Dec 15	22.30	Dunkirk, Stff	LITS R & G		Aircraft	76/120	Sf	
Dec 18	20.00	Salford, Gt M/C	Disc White	Physical effects	Insuff	76/146	M	
Dec 21	18.00	Bignall End, Sf	Ball Silver	Shape change	Metrlgcl	76/121	Sf	
Dec 25	02.30	Hanley, Staffs	LITS Green		Stellar	76/122	Sf	
Dec 28	19.30	Cheadle, Staff	Cone Red	Landing	UFO	76/123	Sf	
Dec 31	02.45	Bignall End, Sf	Oval Orange	Entity	Insuff	76/124	Sf	
Dec 31	17.50	Cheadle, Staff	Oval White	Legs protruding	Insuff	76/132	Sf	
Dec 31	19.00	Knutsford, Chsh	LITS Amber		Insuff	76/144	U	

County codings are self explanatory, eg Gt/M/C (Greater Manchester), Msy (Merseyside)
 Codes for groups: B (BUFORA), D (DIGAP), E (BUFORA EDINBURGH), F (FAPURG), M (MUFORA)
 N (NUFOIS), MID (MURO), NET (UFOIN), R (RIGAP), S (SUFORS), Sf (UFORA Staffs), SP
 (SPUR), Spr (SPRING), U (UFOSIS), W (WUFOS), Y (BUFORA Yorks) Ic (Ian Cresswell),
 Ak (Alan Knight), Wm (Bill Muir), Ds (Derick Shelton).

3: STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Reports 146 Unknown 15 (10.9% approx) Aircraft (35) Insufficient (33)
 Satellites (16) Stars (10) Meteorological (9) Meteor (8)
 Balloon (5) Flare (5) Optical (3) Birds (2) Hoax (2)
 Ground light (1) Fire (1) Film Fault (1)

GRAPH ONE: Shows the results for a distribution of all 1976 reports by month of the year. The figures for Dec - Mar agree well with previous years with a February low. May is also a low month. The basic pattern of a rise throughout the year is again shown, but July is markedly different in 1976 than in 1975 (2½ times as many)

GRAPH TWO: Takes out the unknowns from 1976 and adds the unknowns from 1973-75. This gives a total of 46 unknowns. These are plotted and the distribution can be compared with the unfiltered reports in Graph one. Note how they agree well early on, but from Sept-Dec the unknowns show a far higher preponderance. Could this imply that high strangeness cases occur during the broad peak spells, but at lulls in general levels of reporting. Note a CEIII has occurred in February 1977 already.

the breakdown of all 1976 reports by time of day. The curve which has appeared consistently in the past is once more in evidence, even including the peak around 3am.

GRAPH FOUR extracts the same unknown reports as in Graph two and plots these for time of day. A similar curve is noted, but note the more pronounced peak at sunrise, and the sharp peak around 9pm. It would seem that there are some differences in these two graphs, and the understanding of the significance of this may prove interesting.

Flap periods occurred in August (Staffordshire mainly), October (South Midlands) and December (Midlands). It is interesting that the early year flaps, ie January tend to occur further north. From an analysis of NUFON records 1971-76 it is very clearly indicated that there are THREE dates which provide important cases or a high incidence of cases each year. These are: AUG 15/16 OCT 10/12 DEC 12/13 In important wave years these frequently sport a CE3 or some such case in the north. We may therefore be tempted to suggest that the Autumn 1977-Winter 1978 wave may provide some interest at these times, ideal for a skywatch I would think.

Since the publication of the 1975 report the total number of 1975 cases has risen to 146, and three new unknowns have been added making that years total 16. These new unknowns are: 75/137 Nov 18th, Parnsley (See FSR 22 - 4 p31), 75/139 Dec 28th Gateshead and 75/140 August, Holmfirth.

Combining the 1975 and 1976 reports (292) we have a regional breakdown of the unknowns as follows: NORTH EAST (6 out of 52 reports) = 11.5% NORTH WEST (15 out of 158 reports) = 9.5% WEST MIDLANDS (6 out of 51 reports) = 11.8% EAST MIDLANDS (4 out of 30 reports) = 13.3%

Greater Manchester had 82 reports (13 unknown), Staffordshire 32 (4 unknown), West Midlands 18 (4 unknown), West Yorks 19 (3 unknown), Nottinghamshire 18 (2 unknown), Merseyside 24 (4 unknown), Lancashire 28 (1 unknown), Cheshire 22 (1 unknown), Durham 4 - (1 unknown), South Yorks 1 (1 unknown). The rest had no unknowns viz: Cumbria 3, Salop 2, Tyndale 2, Cleveland 6, North Yorks 5, Humberside 6, Lincs 4, Derbyshire 3, Leicestershire 3, Scotland 3, Wales 6.

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4: SYNOPSIS OF 1976 UNKNOWNIS

Apart from those cases mentioned below there were others which created great interest. Not least of these is the West Yorkshire contact claim (see NUN Aug 76, Awareness Summer 76, FUECRA JOURNAL Nov/Dec 76, FSR Vol 22 - 6). This report had great subjective elements within it, and is certainly of importance to a full understanding of close encounters. Nonetheless the information content does not warrant a definite unknown rating. There were also several interesting photographic cases, including report 7662 (Aug 76 NUN) which was considered a hoax - though a quite reasonable one. It had fooled a number of press and media sources.

REPORT 7608 JANUARY 23 1976 13.35 REDDITCH, Worcester Inv: UFOSIS

The Redditch area was seen of a photographic case in late 1975 (BWFORA JOURNAL Jul/Aug 76) and on this date a very similar object was seen again. It was a shiny metallic disc, flattened somewhat. It moved just below cloud (1500') travelling slowly and then hovering for thirty seconds. It then instantly accelerated away leaving a short vapour trail for a few seconds. (REF: NUN Mar 76).

REPORT 7605 JANUARY 23 1976 18.55 BOLTON, Gtr M/Cr Inv: DIGAP

This close encounter occurred on the same day. It involved Miss Shelley Barnes, a young receptionist returning home from work. She saw a light over a nearby reservoir and then an object streaked towards her, hovering low over the rooftops by her side. It was diagonal with a round underside and two lights, one dim red the other rich amber. Both were steady. There was no sound. However, as the object tilted on its edge and began to spin very fast her bottom teeth began to chatter. It is suspected this may have been due to ultrasonic sound. She ran away with the object still there. (REF: NUN Mar 76, Awareness, Sum 76, FSR 22 - 1 p.32)

REPORT 7620 MARCH 1 1976 19.00 OLDHAM, Gtr M/Cr Inv: MUFORA

A group of five boys reported a domed disc. The disc was white with a flashing red light on the side. The dome was transparent with a vertical strut. It was rotating. The object travelled in a 'skipping' motion and may have made a humming sound. The scene is close to that of the famous Cairo Mill case of October 1972 (REF: NUN Apr 76, Awareness Summer 76)

Although only a LITS case it defies explanation. It involves a group of witnesses who saw six white lights in a 'V' formation flying below low cloud and making no sound. One object left the formation and accelerated away northwards, with the others following. The motion was too slow to be that of birds, and there was no military air traffic. (REF: NUN Apr 76)

REPORT 76/145 APRIL 2 1976 02.00 BURY, Gtr Manchester INV: UFOIN

Detective Inspector Collinson, of the CID, was witness to a white disc which passed in front of his car, turned back at ninety degrees and hovered overhead performing manoeuvres. There was no sound despite the still night. The object moved away again and performed similar manoeuvres before accelerating to the horizon inside two seconds. (REF: NUN April/May 77 To be published by UFOIN in FSR Vol 23-1 or 2)

REPORT 7638 MAY 11 1976 06.10 Leigh, Gtr M/Cr Inv: DIGAP & MUFORA

Mrs Kent saw a humanoid entity in a silver suit, with pointed hat and lapels and shiny cloak standing on slag heap by the side of a silvery sphere, which radiated light down. It stood stationary, arms hanging stupidly by its side. She did not see it disappear. (REF: NUN Jun 76, Awareness Autumn 76, FSR Vol 22-3 p.27)

REPORT 7655 JUNE 30 1976 08.15 Newcastle, Staffs Inv: UFOA Staffs

Well qualified witness and her young son saw a matt black cylindrical shape, hover in the sky. It did not reflect the bright sunlight. A similar object came out from behind in jerky movements and the whole dropped down a little and then moved away very slowly. (REF: NUN Aug 76, FSR Vol 22-4 p.31)

REPORT 7663 JULY 21 1976 Hucknall, Notts Inv: NUFOIS

An elderly lady saw a coppery gold coloured object like two saucers stuck together come down out of clouds in spiral fashion and spinning. It passed over the airfield before moving away at great speed. This report is one of many on that day, and was in the midst of a Midlands flap. (REF: NUN Dec 76, UFO Res Rev Aut 76)

REPORT 7687 JULY 21 1976 17.10 Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts Inv: MURO

An object seen over waste ground hovering over a disused railway line. It was shaped like two saucers edge to edge and coloured like aluminium. It wobbled in a slow motion towards a new factory over which it hovered. It flipped on edge changed shape and then vanished. Compare to the report above. (REF: NUN Nov 76)

REPORT 7699 SEPTEMBER 3 1976 21.00 Fencehouses, Durham Inv: Bill Muir

Sadly we still lack some detail on this landing which involves two women. The object had a perspex dome and rested on sledge like runners. Two tiny doll like entities with long white hair were seen beside it. There was a trance like state over the surroundings during the event. (NUN: Feb 77 to be published in FSR)

REPORT 7682 SEPTEMBER 23 1976 23.30 Bolton, Gtr M/Cr Inv: DIGAP & MUFORA

A pinky red sphere of light moving fast across the sky towards Rumworth Lodge Reservoir (see report 7605). There were many independent witnesses, and extensive data was compiled on the flightpath. (REF: NUN Nov 76)

REPORT 76/126 OCTOBER 12 1976 21.10 Dudley, West Midlands Inv: UFOSIS

A caretaker and his wife, plus several other witnesses at a school, reported a white light moving and hovering around the school in erratic fashion. A digital watch turned haywire immediately following the sighting. (REF: NUN Mar 77)

THE STAFFORDSHIRE FLAP December 1976 Inv: UFOA Staffs

A large series of reports with a high incidence of unknowns occurred, especially around Dec 13/14. Two independent witnesses at Audley and Kinsgrove on Dec 13 at 17.20 (REPORTS 76/117 & 118) saw, 1) an object like an oyster shell projecting a beam into the sky and 2) an object with two tiers of lights. Both incidents were over an electricity source and both objects were surrounded in mist. The next day, December 14 at 17.15 a woman at Alsager saw another similar object, again with two tiers of lights and the swirling mist below. (REPORT 76/119). Finally on December 28th at 19.30 a man followed a red light in his car and eventually saw it land in a field. It was like a bullet with a red tip. (REF: NUN Feb 77, to be published in FSR)

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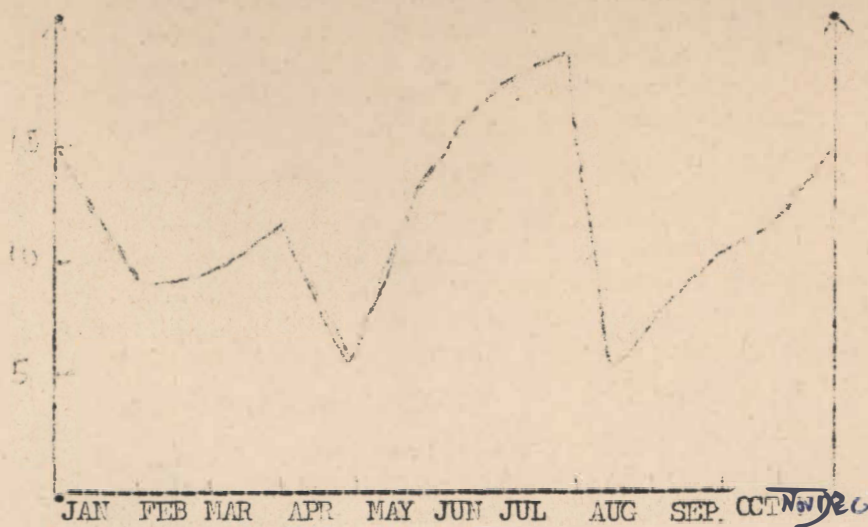
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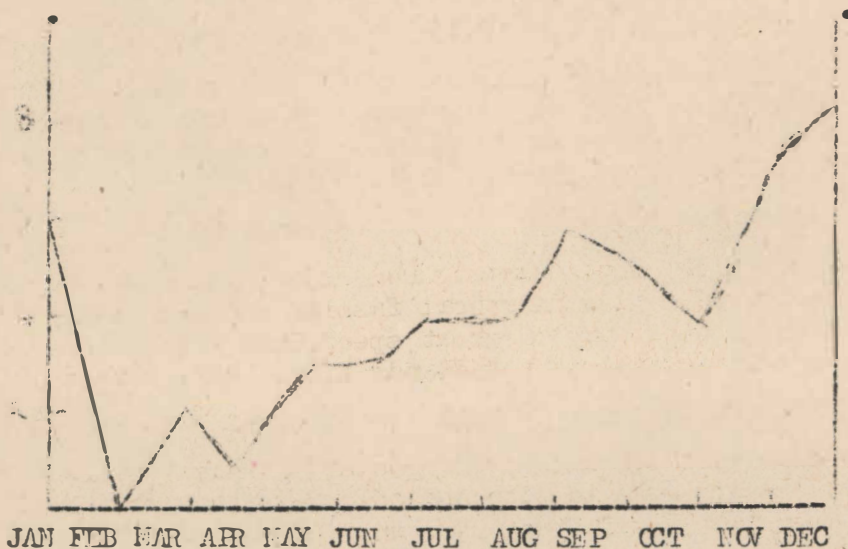
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Distribution by month



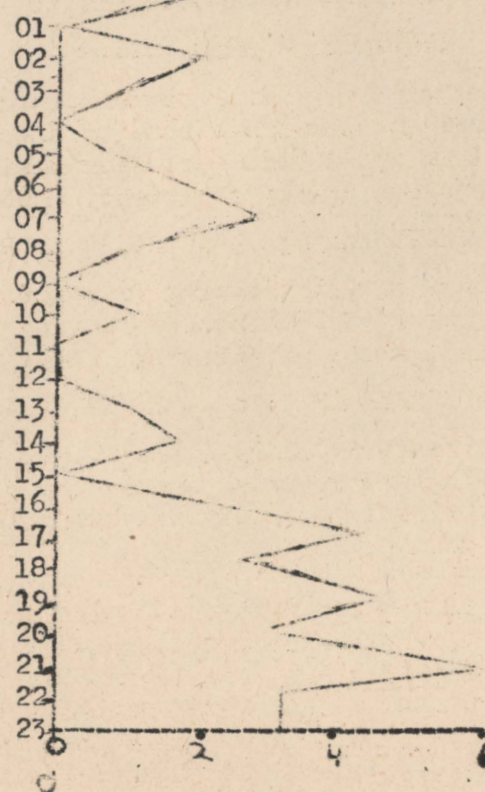
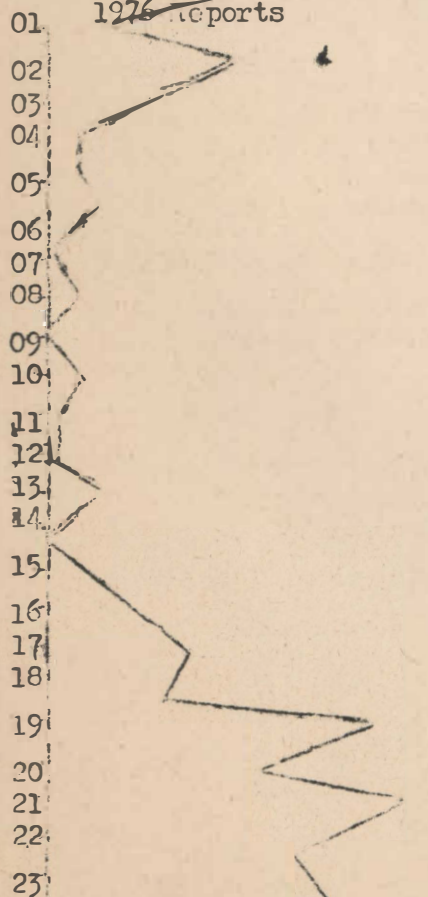
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1973 - 76 UNKNOWNIS
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Graph 3

Time distribution
1976 Reports



Graph 4 Time distribution
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